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Mr. Jonathan Horton Reports Analyst Federal Election Commission Washington, DC 20463

Re:

Friends of Jim Inhofe Committee

Identification Number C00207996 Mid-year Report (01/01/00 - 06/30/00)

Year-end Report (07/01/00 - 12/31/00)

Dear Mr. Horton,

This letter is in response to your letters of May 30, 2001 requesting additional information or clarification of items contained in the committee's referenced filings.

As a point of information, the Committee was using the campaign software "Hannihal" until the fall of 1999 when it converted to using "Aristotle" campaign software. I would like to tell you that the conversion went smoothly and without any problems, but, unfortunately, that hasn't been the case. While we did a data conversion and uploaded prior contribution history from the "Hannibal" system to the new system, "Aristotle" didn't always flag a contribution that exceeded the \$1,000 per election limitation when combined with contributions made prior to the conversion. While we are still having problems with the new software (like getting it to flag excessive contributions and handle re-attributions properly), Aristotle is assuring us that they have fixed the problems and will be sending us another "revised version" of the software in the near future. We trust that will be the case since the Fall 2002 elections are now just over one year away and activity is steadily increasing.



FEC Form 3, Mid-year Report (01/01/00 - 06/30/00)

In the case of the contributions by Clint Cox and Albert Zapanta, we designated subsequent contributions to the "primary" election when some or all should have been designated to the "general" election. We have corrected our Schedule Λ to reflect these changes and have filed concurrently with this letter an amended FEC-3 Mid-Year Report for the period 1/01/00 through 6/30/00.

In the case of Dr. A. Thomas Falbo, we prepared a refund check in the amount of \$2,200. dated July 30, 2000. Accompanying that check was a letter indicating that if Dr. Falbo did not wish to receive a refund, he could instead reattribute a portion of the excess

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